AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

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REMARKS

This is in response to the Advisory Action mailed on <u>December 8, 2004</u>, and the references cited therewith. The Final Office Action was mailed September 22, 2004.

Claims $\underline{1, 3, 26, \text{ and } 33}$ are amended; as a result, claims $\underline{1-38}$ are now pending in this application.

These amendments are accompanied with a Request for Continued Examination. Applicants assert that the amendments now place the claims in condition for allowance. This is so, because in Downs the DC Library is not in an external environment from the user system; it is in the same environment. Moreover, the DC Library does not pre-acquire digital content as needed. Thus, the present rejections should be withdrawn since the Downs reference fails to teach each and every element or step of Applicants' amended claims 1, 3, 26, and 33.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney at (513) 942-0224 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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